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Re: CC Docket 92-77

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At the request of Commission staff, Bell Atlantic has reexamined the Billed Party Preference cost data it developed in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 92-77. Bell Atlantic has no basis, at this time, for revising the estimated Billed Party Preference costs submitted in its July 7, 1992 comments. A copy of the costs estimates are being refiled with this transmittal.

Please include this information as part of the public record in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

*Marie Breslin*

Attachment

cc: M. Nadel

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ESTIMATED BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE COSTS

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>One-time Expenses</u>	<u>Annual Expenses</u>
0+ payphone	\$28,000,000	\$82,000,000	\$5,000,000
All 0+	39,000,000	86,000,000	7,000,000
All 0+ and 0-	39,500,000	86,000,000	8,600,000

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Bell Atlantic cannot estimate the cost of billed party preference for calls from all aggregator locations -- hotels,

Atlantic has made estimates based on the prices of similar features. Because different exchange carriers have different types and vintages of switching equipment, these estimates could vary significantly from carrier to carrier.

In another area, many of the cost elements are sensitive to demand -- the greater the volume, the greater the cost that must be incurred. Bell Atlantic, however, has no way to identify the total number of 0+ interLATA calls originating in its territory. To make its estimates, Bell Atlantic made projections of 1996 traffic volumes based upon Bell Atlantic's current traffic volumes projected to 1996 and applied ratios of inter- versus intraLATA calls developed under the Shared Network Facilities Agreements. These projections assumed that the volume of interLATA operator-assisted calls increase at the same rate as intraLATA operator-assisted calls.

Some of these expenditures by Bell Atlantic will permit interexchange carriers to save expenses. For example, with billed party preference, a caller will give billing information to a Bell Atlantic operator system, which can deliver it on an automated basis to the interexchange carrier's operator system. This will save the interexchange carrier the time -- and therefore the cost -- of obtaining the information from the caller. Although it is impossible for Bell Atlantic to quantify this saving to the interexchange carriers with any precision, it should offset some of Bell Atlantic's projected annual billed party preference operating expenses.

In addition, Bell Atlantic made these assumptions in making these estimates:

1. The average holding time for a billed party preference call is five minutes.
2. Carriers will have the following percentages of the interLATA operator-assisted traffic: AT&T, 69 percent; MCI, 12 percent; Sprint, 8 percent; all others, 11 percent.
3. The average processing time for automated alternate billing service is 22 seconds for billed party preference calls.
4. Eighteen percent of the calls will require a live operator, with 12 seconds average operator work time for billed party preference calls.